

43A detached from its booster at 110,000 feet to fly on its own. The 12-foot long vehicle streaked through the sky, reaching speeds of Mach 9.8. After its short flight, the X-43A splashed into the Pacific Ocean, triumphantly completing the eight-year program.

The \$230 million Hyper-X program pushed the envelope, as no air-breathing scramjet engine had been previously flown at hypersonic speeds, but the rewards are evident. The important discoveries made by these flights will lead to advances in both space exploration and commercial aviation. We all honor the success of the program and encourage more research into this valuable technology. It is vital that the first 'A' in NASA—Aeronautics—remain a strong and vibrant part of the agency.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT EWBANK

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Scott Ewbank to recognize his lifelong achievements and indisputable legacy as a respected San Jose lawyer and longtime member of Santa Clara County's Juvenile Justice Commission.

Scott Ewbank was born on August 15, 1947 in Sunnyvale, California. Scott attended Stanford University, where he received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1969. After college, he volunteered for two years with International Volunteer Services (IVS), a nonprofit group that at the time helped central Vietnam's highland tribes develop new agricultural practices. While there, he learned Vietnamese and in the mid-1990s served on the IVS board of directors.

After his return from Vietnam, Scott attended the University of Michigan law school, and received his law degree in 1975. He also received a master's degree in Southeast Asian studies in 1990 from the same university.

Scott began his solo criminal law practice in San Jose in 1976. He was a tough fighter who believed in his young clients, many of them charged with felonies.

Outside of the courtroom, Scott was a volunteer mentor to youths. He joined Volunteers in Parole, a non-profit group that helps juvenile delinquents by pairing them with adult mentors. He also volunteered as an adult chaperon with the Boy Scouts. Scott helped out those in his own neighborhood. He spoke up against the proliferation of all kinds of group homes and questioned the city's land use ordinances as they pertained to potential development nearby.

It was on Saturday, November 6, 2004 that Scott Ewbank died of apparent heart attack while hiking with a Boy Scout troop in Monterey County. He was 57 years old.

Scott Ewbank is survived by his wife Susan Hart, and his children, Jack and Anne, all of San Jose; his mother Lois Ewbank of Sunnyvale; and his brothers, Gary of Sacramento and Brian of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, today we mourn the loss of a role model and a constant inspiration. Scott Ewbank's heroic service to our community and guidance to individuals inspired many to go beyond their expectations and, as a result,

contribute to the betterment of our beautiful and diverse community in Santa Clara County. Scott was a true hero, in every word and action. He was also my friend and neighbor.

HONORING LINDA SHOEMAKER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linda Shoemaker, an exceptional community leader in my district.

Throughout her life, Linda has worked to improve the community in which she resides and to help those less fortunate than herself. In 2000, Linda and her husband, Steve, founded the Brett Family Foundation in Boulder, Colorado. The purpose of this foundation is to promote local nonprofits and policy initiatives that help disadvantaged youth around the state of Colorado. In 2001, Linda started the Bell Policy Center, a nonprofit organization which uses research to construct and promote public policy that focuses on the needs of working adults and families in Colorado.

Linda's accomplishments are vast. In addition to taking on numerous leadership positions over the years, including becoming a Board Member and Sponsor of the I Have A Dream Foundation, where she worked to provide scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to attend a college or university, Linda also volunteers time to help abused and neglected children in her community by volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Linda has been recognized time and again for her tremendous work in the Boulder community, as well as around the state of Colorado. Most recently, Linda won the 2004 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado award for Outstanding Philanthropist. It is individuals like Linda, who take action at the community level and take the time to help those less fortunate than themselves that will make this country, and the world, a better place for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend her accomplishments and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Linda Shoemaker for her outstanding contributions to Colorado.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to attendance at a funeral in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 532, "yes." Rollcall No. 533, "yes."

EULOGY TO KENNETH H. POLLARD OF METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to an outstanding citizen of Methuen, Massachusetts Kenneth Pollard. Kenneth passed away on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 82 years of age.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters Sharon and Patricia; sons Michael and K. Jeffrey; sisters Claire and Jacqueline; granddaughters Catherine, Haley, and Morgan; and grandsons Christopher and Kenneth.

Kenneth lived a full life and touched the lives of countless individuals. He was an accomplished athlete in his youth and a dedicated Red Sox Fan. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 122 of Methuen. Kenneth was a successful businessman, devoted family man, and community leader. Throughout his life he volunteered much of his time to community boards and committees, as well as serving as a Methuen city councilor.

Sharon M. Pollard, who is the Mayor of Methuen, Massachusetts, delivered a beautiful eulogy to her father, Kenneth, at Saint Monica's Church on Saturday, November 13, 2004. I ask for unanimous consent to submit to the RECORD Mayor Pollard's eulogy to her father:

My Mom, brothers, sister and aunts wish to thank you so much for the support you have all given us in the last few days, weeks and months. Our family sends you a collective thank you.

Dad was born into a loving home with his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. His sisters affectionately say that in this home he was known as "my son-my son".

A product of Methuen's public schools, he excelled in school as a student and an athlete. He received letters in baseball, football and basketball. Although mostly English, he liked to think of himself as Irish. He used to tell the story of how his great uncle Tom who had been born in Ireland, wanted him to go to Notre Dame, but he decided to stay closer to home and attend Boston College. He loved watching the Eagles and the Fighting Irish play football.

He loved his country and served as a sergeant in the Army/Air Force in WWII. He served in various places, but it was at his last stop, Sedalia, Missouri where he met Mom. In May, they celebrated their 58th anniversary and they loved each other very much.

Dad had four children and each one of them received a piece of him. Michael, his profession, Patty, his passion for baseball, Jeff, his name and athletic ability and me—well we did politics together. We were kindred political souls. And now you know what the conversation was at our dinner table.

He was blessed with five beautiful grandchildren: Catherine, Haley, Morgan, Kenny and Christopher from whom he received much love and pleasure. Dad was happiest when the children were around, but as we grew older we realized that it was the little ones that he really wanted to spend time with. In the last 10 years, Sundays at the beach were the best times—he knew that the children and grandchildren would be coming for dinner.

Dad was a very unique person. He was highly motivated and created a highly successful business from the ground up. He